

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application of:

RIEPING et al.

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For: **Fermentation Process for the
Preparation of L-Amino Acids
Using Strains of the Family
Enterobacteriaceae**

Art Unit: to be assigned

Examiner: to be assigned

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Preliminary Amendment

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In advance of prosecution, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

In the Specification:

On page 14 of the specification, please delete the paragraph that starts on line 9, and replace it with the following new paragraph:

A pure culture of the Escherichia coli K-12 strain DH5 α /pMAK705 was deposited on 8th September 2000 at the Deutsche Sammlung für Mikroorganismen und Zellkulturen (DSMZ = German Collection of Microorganisms and Cell Cultures, Braunschweig, Germany) in accordance with the Budapest Treaty as DSM 13720.